GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PILOTS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts of pilots in the Armed Forces of the country alongwith the number of pilots actually working and the posts of pilots lying vacant as on date;

(b) whether the Defence Forces are facing shortage of pilots;

(c) if so,whether any review has ever been made in regard to the reasons for this shortage of pilots;

(d) if so,the details thereof;and

(e) the details of measures being adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The vacancies in the Armed Forces are filled up as per normal procedure.These vacancies do not affect the operational requirements.Reviews in this regard are undertaken by the Armed Forces and corrective measures are taken accordingly.In the interest of national security further details cannot be divulged on the Floor of the House.